Appendix 2 - Consultation responses

Person/Organisation Making representation	Representation made Specific Policy Comments	Does it have an effect on the Policy.
J&H– Licensing Advisor.	Do not like no.53 as I am always against presumptions - 'generally it will not grant'. If each case is dealt with on its merits that should be it in my opinion. Also, it mentions public houses but does not mention off licences, restaurants etc.	
	Section 53- LICENSING	
	HOURS: The Council will generally deal with the issue of licensing hours having due regard to the individual merits of each application, considering the potential for nuisance associated with the style, characteristics and activities of the business and examining any steps that might reduce the risk of nuisance.	The public house was given as an example but we will alter to ensure that it is clear it applies to all premises type.
	However, although the Council will treat each case on its individual merits, generally it will not grant permission for licensable activities beyond 2330 hours on Sundays to Thursdays and Midnight on Fridays	
	and Saturdays in respect of public houses situated in areas having denser residential accommodation. The Council would expect	

good reasons to be given to support any application for extensions beyond these hours, including addressing possible disturbance to residents and local parking. Additionally, in these areas, consideration will be given to imposing stricter conditions in respect of noise control.

Section 59 - Impact of the sale of high strength beers, lagers and ciders:

I would offer 'No bottles or cans of beer, lager or cider with an alcohol volume of 6.5% or more that is sold cheaply shall be sold except higher priced premium products.

The 'Reduce the Strength' booklet can specify the names of the cheap brands that cause concern. I do not agree with a ban on all high strength beer because that is not fair on a law abiding customer who might want to buy a single can to take home to drink. Why should he be penalised because homeless people in the area buy cheap alcohol to drink on the streets.

Also, if it is a designated no drinking area the police can seize the alcohol.

Requesting that the following wording is inserted:

'No bottles or cans of beer, lager or cider with an alcohol volume of 6.5% or more that is sold cheaply shall be sold except higher priced premium products.

Agree to alter wording to reflect this consideration.

Para 22 (last bullet point)

Ladder Community Safety Partnership

As it's difficult for residents to find how they get involved/comment, it might be worth adding a sentence referring to the most appropriate section of the Policy.

We will add to Para 22: Section 3, Para 121 and following, will be particularly helpful for residents in this context.

Para 135

Given the attempts made by applicants to play off planning v. licensing, it's worth making this point very clearly, so ADD the following (after the sentence beginning 'applicants for a premises licence need to be aware....'

ADD: Indeed the Authority strongly recommends that applicants should have been granted planning permission for the appropriate class use of the premises before applying for a premises licence. This is because the licence cannot be activated without appropriate and complementary planning consents. It is therefore a logical progression for planning to precede licensing, especially as planning may set terminal hours as a condition of permitted use.

We note the comment and will add:

That the Licensing Authority advise applicants to seek clarity from the Planning Service to ensure that they have the correct use class for the their intended business operation.

The policy always states that where the Planning condition hours are less than those being applied for under Licensing that the expectation is that the applicant will adhere to the earlier Planning hours.